GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2729
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REBATE ON COIR PRODUCTS
V.S. SIVAKUMAR

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a request from the Kerala Government to release 20 percent rebate for the sale of coir products for the period 1994-95 to 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the time by which the said amount is likely to be released; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The request was examined in this Ministry in consultation with various agencies and it was felt that the budgetary support for rebate on coir and coir products was intended to be restricted to the ceiling imposed by the Planning Commission, which was conveyed to the Coir Board. As such, there should not have been any build up of arrears of rebate claims with the State Governments. Yet in 1997-98, an additionality of Rs. 3 crores was allowed at the RE stage which was a one time measure. In view of this, no further financial support can be given by the Government in this regard. The State Government of Kerala has been apprised of the decision of the Government of India.